

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claims 1, 13-15, 17, 19-21, 24-27, 34-36, and 40-42 have been allowed. Claims 13, 26, and 34 are amended below to more clearly direct each claim to only one statutory class. Applicants respectfully request that these amendments be entered.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented - Allowed) In a computer, a method comprising the steps of:

assigning a same symbol to each of a text expansion, a program, and a function, wherein the same symbol is assigned as a shorthand entry of each of the text expansion, the program, and the function;

receiving handwritten user input;

determining that the handwritten user input represents the symbol;

determining that the handwritten user input is a sole input, wherein the sole input does not have associated with it another user input; and

based on the handwritten user input comprising the sole input, carrying out the function by generating an output.

2-12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing computer executable instructions that when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform a method comprising: for performing the steps recited in claim 1.

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